

Books for Parents



Book: **101 Indian Children's Books We Love**
Author: **Anita Roy & Samina Mishra**
Publisher: **Zubaan**

Parents would like children to read stories set in India, peopled by Indian characters. But we do not know where to start, how to access such books. This guidebook is a godsend, listing as it does, books by Indian authors and publishers for various age categories: 0-5, 5-7, 7-10, 10-12 and 12+ years. The editors do warn us that is not a list of 'best' books but rather, books that the curators warmed up to! Reviews by various individuals accompany the listings, and as a bonus, there are recommendations of books similar to the ones featured in the book. A handy reference section lists publishers of children's books in India, along with relevant blogs and websites that are related to books for children in India. This book is a must-have for all Indian parents.

Book: **Teaching Tales Learning trails**
Compiled and Edited by: **Neeraja Raghavan, Vineeta Sood and Kamala Anilkumar**
Publisher: **Notion Press**

The interdynamics of the child, parent and teacher make many an interesting anecdote. The process of teaching/learning, the experience at school, the impact of the schooling years on an individual's psyche and life – there are so many dimensions to education that go beyond the 3 Rs, and 'academic progress'. This book attempts to examine the multiple facets of the formative years, the influence of school life on home life and vice versa, through fictionalised true-life narratives. Following the ten stories, are perspectives of principals, parents, students, teachers, teacher educators and pre-service teachers, in the form of lively discussions. This book is a must-read for parents interested and involved in their child's education.

- **Ramya Gopalakrishnan**

Book Review

